## M'ADOO'S REPORT ON RAILROADS Sinking And Leaving A Trace - By Hal Coffman HAT THE PEOPLE THINK OF THEM

DIRECTOR general of railroads W. G. McAdoo has submitted to president Wilson a report covering the first seven months of government operation of the railroads. It is a rather glowing report, filled with statements of economies and improvements achieved under Mr. McAdoo's direction, but not mentioning the fact that notwithstanding a 25 percent increase in freight rates and a heavy increase in passenger and Puliman charges, and in spite of millions tweed by various economies, the railroads are not a money maker for the government or for the American people who comprise that government. However, the people are not caring particularly about the money part of it at this time. If the railroad administration can keep up the movement of troops, military supplies, coal, steel, ore of various kinds, freight for civilian requirements, and can provide even fair civilian passenger transportation, the country will

consists, freight for civilian requirements, and can provide oven fair civilian passenger transportation, the country will be very well satisfied during the war period. Mr. McAdoo and his assistants, the regional directors and the officials and employes of the various lines, are doing that.

The government turned over to Mr. McAdoo a giant's task when it assigned to him the direction of 2905 railroad companies operating 397,014 miles of railroad and employing 1,700,814 persons, together with boat and steamship lines engaged in coastwise transportation and navigating an inland waterways system which included some 57 canals, 3057 miles in length as well as many thousand miles

lines engaged in coastwise transportation and navigating an inland waterways system which included some 57 canals, 2057 miles in length as well as many thousand miles of rivers, lakes, bays, sounds and inlets. Asided by the best railroad brains in the country, by men who did practically all the actual work, he has done very well with it, considering the handicans of war demands.

The consolidation of the railroads under one administration and the inauguration of Mr. McAdoo's plans for economy have resulted in a saving of \$4,6514,859 a year, that much having been deducted from the salaries of officials receiving more than \$5000 a year; the elimination of paramoder trains resulting in the saving of 46,420,000 train miles a year; the consolidation of terminals which has assisted toward a more expeditions movement of freight direct routing of freight, saving thousands of miles of travel; an increase in the coal movement for six months amounting to about 22,000,000 tens; a saving of solution between lines and the consolidation of ticket forces; standardination of freight cars and horomorphism of the abandonment of competition between lines and the consolidation of ticket forces; standardination of freight cars and horomorphism and he war, and both the German division of the passe negotiations now in progress.

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changing their places of employment as well as to the travel of soldiers who have been granted a special rate of one cent a mile when on furlough, and to the journeys of friends and relatives of the men to the various cantonments.

The German army, on the other hand, is being kept fully informed of the peace moves. Every officer and every man knows the contents of the notes that have been ordered ments.

The tax upon the pussenger service has also been increased by the movement of troops on orders from the war and navy departments. Mr. McAdoo's report states that during the month of July over, 1,00,000 men were moved and an aggregate of 6,455,558 troops were moved between May 1, 1917 and July 31, 1918. Of this number nearly 68 percent were carried between January 1 and July 1 of this ware lead of the Associated Press on the night of October this ware.

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## The Hard Blows Count

TOR the past three years people have been "fed up" with takes of the demoralization of Austria, the starvation of the people, the breakdown of morale at home and in the army, and have been led to think very little of the Austria, trian fighting forces unless stiffened with German divi-sions and led by German generals, as at Caporetto.

Mr. McAdoo's report shows that notwithstanding the made a virtual surrender to the allies and has proposed increases in passenger fares, passenger travel has increased what is, in effect, a separate peace. The Austrian army under government operation. This is ascribed partly to has been without mail for a month or two. All it has to the higher wages paid to workmen who are constantly do is to fight hard, and it is doing just that.

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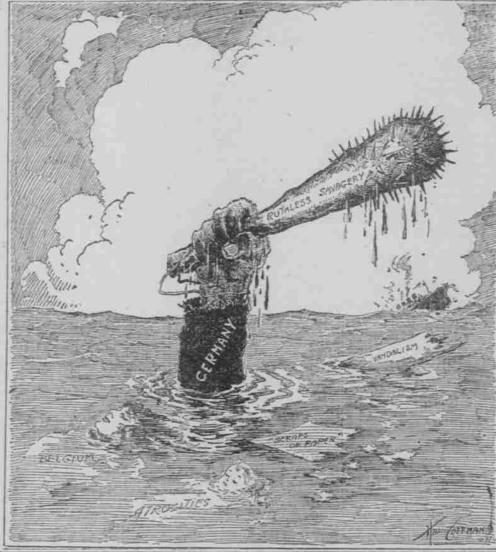
HOW MANY NIGHTS A WEEK SHOULD A YOUNG MAN CALL ON MY DAUGHTER? HOW MANY NIGHTS A WEEK DO YOU GO OUT?

Uncle Walt's Denatured Poem.

# The Housework Problem

E ACH day I meet some doleful dame who drags along her weary frame, and rays: "It beats the band! This doing housework makes me tired; there are no damests to be hired in all this war struck land. I used to back in gilded case; but now I have to shell the peas, and dust the blooming chairs, and mop ease, our now I have to shell the peas, and dust the plooming coalls, and mop the cellings and the floors, and manicure the walls and doors, and sweep the cellar stairs. And if by chance I get a maid I lie awake, I'm so afraid that she will up and quit; but then it's no use to repine, we have to smile and fall in line, and try to do our bit." We must admire the stately dames who pass up all the idle games that used to take their time, and toil around the kitchen and the loss games that used to take their time, and tou around the kirchen stove, and season pumpkin with a clove, to make a pie sublime. They're digging up the househeld lore they used to know in days of yore, ete riches came their way; they're shedding silks and diamond rings, in gingham gowns they're doing things, the things that surely pay. The more they work around the shack the less they'll think of going back to idle, trifling ways; they'll want to saw and bake and boil, and keep in touch with useful toil the balance of their case.

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## Ever Watch Car Whackers Put Wheels Under A Coach? El Paso Workers Set A Record When It Comes To This

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## When a Burglar Robs a Place and Gets the Money of the Children

TO THE burglar. WHO ROBBED the corner store ON LAST Friday night. DEAR BURGLAR. OF COURSE I know. THAT IN burgling.
YOU REALLY haven't time. TO INQUIRE around. ABOUT ALL of the persons. YOU MAY be burgling. AND THAT lots of times. BECAUSE OF your hurry. YOU TAKE away things. THAT IF you knew. WHAT PAIN it would cause. YOU WOULDN'T take them. BECAUSE EVEN burglars. HAVE LITTLE children. AND ARE fond of flowers. AND CRY at plays. AND DON'T like cheese dressings OR ALLIGATOR pear salad. AND ARE perfectly human. AND I know all that RECAUSE ONE time, I HAD a burglar friend. WHO HAD partly reformed. AND NEVER stole anything. EXCEPT FROM street car OR MOTION picture actors. AND PM telling you thin, JUST 80 you'll know. THAT I'M a friend of burgiars. ANY TIME before dark, AND WFFH this introduction. I WANT to tell you. THAT ON the night. YOU CAN come to the block party,

FROM OUT of the safe. AT THE corner store. THAT THERE was in it. ABOUT FOUR hundred dellars. THAT WE had collected. ON OUR street. TO PAY for a block party. AND SERVICE flag raising. AND THE treasurer. WAS USING Bigelow's safe. BECAUSE SHE'S afraid of burgiara. IN HER home, AND THE worst of it is. THAT I'M the chairman. OF THE block party committee. AND I'VE ordered everything. AND THE treasurer crying. AND THE neighborn calling. AND ME explaining. AND THE way they look at me. BECAUSE PM a stranger. IN THE neighborhood. AND WE'RE all working people. AND HAVEN'T much money, WHAT WITH that. AND ALL the money I had. GONE FOR Liberty bonds. I WANT to sait you, THAT IF you're spent it. IF YOU can think of some one WHO CAN afford it. AND GET it back for us. AND IF you can't do that.
IF YOU know somebody. THAT'LL TAKE up a collection. AND HELP us out. IF YOU'RE not burgling.

WHEN YOU took the little tin box. I THANK you.



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